

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The California Healthy Youth Act requires that comprehensive sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education be taught to students in middle school and in high school. Instruction and materials must be medically accurate, objective, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students, as defined by law. The law requires that instruction and materials must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality.

The purpose of this instruction is to:

- Provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and from unintended pregnancy.
- Provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.
- Promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development.
- Ensure students receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and provide educators with clear tools and guidance to accomplish that end.
- Provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors.

We will be utilizing Bishop Unified School Board approved supplemental educational materials and the classroom teacher will be present during the instruction. ***All materials are available for review in the Bishop Unified School District office at 656 W. Pine Street November 13 and 15 from 9-12am and November 14 and 16 from 2-5pm. Please click on this [link](#) to arrange a time to review the curriculum.***

There will be an Informational night for the 7th grade parents and guardians on ***November 15th at 6:00pm at HSMS*** in the 7th grade science room, Room # 73 (see attached flyer). Karen will be at the District Office on November 16th for those who cannot make the evening gathering.

This instruction will be provided by Karen Kong, California Department of Public Health Certified Sexual Health Instructor from the Inyo County Office of Education. Your student's sexual health education will take place in their 7th grade science class ***November 27-December 1, 2023.***

If you **DO NOT** want your student to participate in this educational opportunity, please provide a signed, written note to their teacher, Ms. Batcheller, by November 27.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen @760-920-8165 or your student's teacher.

Sincerely,

Dave Kalk
HSMS Principal